62. Al-Hayy (The Living)

"The Living God makes alive the hearts that connect with Him. A heart without divine remembrance is like a body without a soul."

- Abu-l-Hasan ash-Shadhili (1196-1258 CE)
Source: "Hizb al-Bahr"
(Litany of the Sea)

Anyone desirous of good health should say this Beautiful Name of Allah 3000 times daily. For the cure of any sickness this Beautiful Name of Allah should be written with musk and rose water on a piece of paper and soaked in water which the sick person should be made to drink - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-HAYY ﷻ(THE EVERLIVING ﷻ)

The word 'Hayy' means alive in English.
Al-Hayy ﷻrefers to that Being who possesses everlasting life, such permanence which has no beginning which can be calculated, and no ending which can be demarcated. Whatever is besides Him alive in the universe has a definite beginning which can be calculated, and a demarcated end, such life which terminates once that point has been reached.

Life is a quality of Allaah ﷻ. This means that He ﷻ was always in existence and characterized with the quality of life. Life was not granted to Him after non-existence, and death will not afflict Him after life. All other living creatures will eventually taste death, and they were devoid of life before existence. Allaah ﷻ states,

كُلُّ شَيْءٍ هَالِكٌ إِلَّا وَجْهَهُ

Everything faces destruction, save His Being. (Qasas)

The Being who is alive and free from death never has any fear of being harmed when he takes disobedient servants to task for their wrongdoings.

All of creation have some form of life which is extremely minimal compared to Allaah. Whomsoever Al-Hayy ﷻ, by means of His power, grants life or a whiff of life is regarded as living. It is another matter altogether that man does not refer to those things in which he cannot physically perceive life as living beings as he does for other humans, animals, birds and insects. The most perfect level of life has been granted to human beings. He possesses within himself the ability to gain the recognition of Allaah ﷻ's Being and qualities to a certain limit. It is this recognition which is the cause for man being bound by the divine laws. For this reason, other existing objects, minerals, plants and

animals are not bound by divine commandments as they do not possess this type of life and recognition.

Al-Hayy ﷻ grants life, feeling and understanding to whomsoever He wills, as much as He wills. When He ﷻ takes away this life, this is referred to as *fanaa* (annihilation) and death. By His command, this person is then transferred to another world, and eventually he will have to stand before Allaah ﷻ and render an account of his whole life. This is a reality. He ﷻ is alive and existent. He ﷻ knows our needs and necessities even before us. He ﷻ is fully aware of those things which will benefit and harm us.

اَلاَيَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ

Does He not know who He created? (Mulk)

وَمَا كُنَّا عَنِ الْخَلْقِ غٰفِلِيْنَ

And We are not unmindful of the creation. (Mu'minoon)

When we were in non-existence, He ﷻ was existent. When we will fade into oblivion, He ﷻ will remain. He ﷻ is the One who places life in the outward structures of benefit (which are around us). Then only are we able to derive any benefit from these means. Whoever loves those besides Him, will be utilized for those besides Him. Al-Hayy ﷻ ﷻ is not in need of first removing causes, and then cautioning us. He ﷻ has the ability to remove the effect of benefit from anything. If He ﷻ removes the benefits placed within a certain object, then even though the object is before us, it will be like a dead object. It will be of no benefit, since Al-Hayy ﷻ has terminated His command to cause benefit through it. The whole universe will become like a corpse before this sinful servant. The outward form will be present, but it will not be able to benefit man as it is devoid of a soul.